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Krebs pretrial hearing focuses on evidence

By Janelle Foskett

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Judge Barry LaBarbera made rulings yesterday on the defense pretrial motion to exclude particular evidence from the Rex Allan Krebs trial, scheduled to begin Feb. 14 in Monterey.

Krebs is charged with kidnapping, raping and murdering 20-year-old students Rachel Newhouse and Aundria Crawford. If convicted, Krebs faces the death penalty. He has pleaded not guilty to the accusations.

The pretrial motions centered on three computer-generated illustrations that showed Crawford bound with ropes and on numerous photos of the decomposed bodies and the grave sites in which they were found.

Each computer-generated illustration depicted Crawford from a different angle, showing the positions in which she was buried and how a rope mechanism was used to bind and possibly kill her.

LaBarbera admitted one of the three illustrations into evidence, citing that it probably accurately depicted the hog-tied position Crawford was in when she was buried. The illustration showed Crawford on her stomach, with her hands, waist, back and ankles connected by a mechanism of ropes.

LaBarbera said he would not admit the other two illustrations as evidence because they appear as if Crawford was in a kneeling position, which is not how she was found.

Defense Attorney Jim Maguire previously argued that a kneeling position makes it appear as if Crawford was begging. He said this depiction would limit his client's rights to a fair trial by creating prejudice in jurors.

LaBarbera agreed and ruled that the illustration's uses were outweighed by the potential for prejudice.

LaBarbera also ruled on photos taken at the autopsy and at the scene of the grave site excavation.

Photos included shots of the partially decomposed bodies of Newhouse and

Crawford in the graves, oral injuries on Crawford, the location of the graves in relation to Krebs' residence, items of clothing recovered from the graves, a blindfold, Crawford bound with ropes and Newhouse covered in garbage bags and chicken wire.

Prosecutor John Trice argued that all the photos be admitted as evidence.

"These photos aren't pleasant," he said. "But this is the kind of evidence that makes this a death penalty case."

Trice said that the prosecution would use particular photos to prove malice, negate the motive of robbery and show premeditation of murder.

He argued that the photos help illustrate premeditation because of the intricate work that went into the burials.

"This was not a casual body dump," he said.

Maguire argued that certain photos should not be admitted because they are gruesome enough to inflame jury members and cause prejudice against his client. He also said adequate testimony from law officers at the scene of the excavation could replace such photos.

"These photos could arouse the passions of the jury," he said. "They are more prejudice than appropriate."

After hearing the arguments, LaBarbera admitted most of the 31 photos.

LaBarbera excluded photos of the rope mechanism used on Crawford, a watch worn by Newhouse and certain autopsy photos that he said may create a prejudice in jurors. Other photos were excluded because they duplicated others.

The next pretrial motion will center on the analysis of mitochondrial DNA that compares a hair found near the Jennifer Street Bridge to the blood of Newhouse's mother and father.

The trial resumes today in Superior Court department 10 at 1:30 p.m. The final day of the pretrial motions is expected to be Thursday, beginning at 8:30 a.m. The trial will then move to Monterey for jury selection.

Locals react to Bush's plans



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Carissa Buettner, left, a recreation administration freshman, teaches Diana Chase basic computer skills at the Prado Day Center. Chase, 52, has been homeless since 1982. The Prado Day Center is a San Luis Obispo homeless shelter that receives money from federal funds.

By Sonia Slutzki

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President George W. Bush's initiative to provide federal funds to religious organizations for social services is only at its early developmental stages, yet it is already raising some eyebrows in the San Luis Obispo community.

In presenting his proposal Bush said, "We will encourage communi-

ty and faith-based programs, without changing their mission. We will eliminate barriers to charitable works, wherever they exist, and we will encourage charitable giving, wherever we can."

The concerns within San Luis Obispo community vary from worries about the division of church and state, the increase of bureaucracies that may take away money from those in need and the pre-

paredness of religious organizations to provide the necessary social services.

"On one hand, I think the idea of providing money (to religious organizations) is a worthy thing," said Rabbi Norman Mendel from the Beth David congregation. "My concern is the separation of church and state, and who is going to mon-

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CSU uses strategies designed to prevent campus power crises

By Byron Samayoa

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Even with the energy crisis going on in California, there are no worries for the California State University system.

The CSU system has implemented many projects for just such an occasion. Over the years, campuses in California have made many energy-saving efforts: installation of energy management systems, energy efficient roofs and heat and air conditioning upgrades, among other things.

The biggest effort is a four-year agreement with Enron Energy Services, through which Enron is the sole provider of energy for most CSU campuses. In return, the university system has a reduced and fixed rate which has saved an estimated \$6.3

million.

"We don't know what the total effect of this energy crisis will be," said Ken Swisher, CSU media relations manager. "But we are not likely to be affected as most Californians."

To make sure that it doesn't happen, the CSU system has recently taken further steps for energy conservation.

The CSU system has received \$7.6 million from the legislature and the Public Utilities Commission to implement energy saving plans.

The system has also submitted a list of additional plans that will save campuses \$184.7 million.

Cal Poly would not be affected by the crisis because it has its own sub-

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Financial aid deadline nearing

By Brian Milne

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Applying for financial aid is just a mouse click away thanks to the Cal Poly Financial Aid home page. With the March 2 priority deadline right around the corner, now is the time to log on.

"File now, don't wait until the last week in February," said Mary Spady, Financial Aid office associate director. "Too many problems can occur during processing. If students fail to fill out everything, we might not get their application done before the deadline."

The quickest way to apply for financial aid is via the office Web site at: <http://www.calpoly.edu/~finaid>.

The home page provides links for applying online, checking financial aid status, downloading documents, loan counseling, scholarship links, work study information and e-mail addresses for contacting the office.

"Filing electronically is the way to go," Spady said. "It can speed up the process by almost two weeks. Files are much easier to process than paper."

To be considered for financial aid, students must first file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), or the Renewal FAFSA, by the March 2 deadline.

"If you're going to apply for FAFSA on the Web, I suggest to use it early," Spady cautioned. "At the first of the

month, it gets a lot of hits on it which slows it down."

Spade said family contribution is the key factor in determining aid and that awards will be available the first week of April.

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How you can avoid funding delays:

- Fill out forms before March 2 priority deadline.
- Use accurate information (social security number, Cal Poly federal school code - 001143).
- Carefully follow FAFSA instructions.
- Keep Financial Aid office informed of your current address and status.

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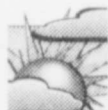
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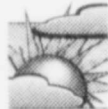
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"There's been a huge growth in Cal Grants," Spady said. "We don't know the actual dollar amount we'll benefit from, but we're looking forward to an increased funding for the grants."

Students interested in summer financial aid should make sure the office has their 2000/2001 FAFSA data on file and notify the office of their intent to enroll for summer quarter.

The office also encourages all students to fill out the Cal Poly Scholarship Application – regardless of academic status – by the annual March 2 deadline.

Some academic departments also may have scholarship applications and students should check with individual departments for further information.

The Financial Aid office will hold a trio of workshops Feb. 15, 26 and 28. For more information, contact the Financial Aid Office at 756-2927.

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station. The state can't shut off the power, but it can request the university to conserve energy.

Although the energy crisis is financially affecting the rest of California, the CSU system will not suffer. The state will not take money allocated for the CSU system to help deal with the crisis.

"The CSU trustees will not take money away from the CSU campuses," Swisher said.

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itor who gets the money."

The executive order introduced Jan. 29 by Bush created the new White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives (OFBCI). According to a press release from the White House, the office's initial responsibilities will be to identify all existing regulations, rules and orders that discourage the participation of faith-based and other community organizations in federal programs.

"(Bush's initiative) seems more conceptual than anything at this point," said Lee Collins, director for the San Luis Obispo County Social Service Department (SSD).

Collins said that currently, the county receives money from the state to fund social service programs which in turn receives a general fund for all state expenses from the federal government.

Last year, the county's direct cash assistance for families was just under \$10 million and an additional \$675,000 was provided for general assistance – such as financing the homeless shelter. The SSD works only directly with nonprofit and government agencies to provide a wide variety of social services. Some of these programs range from food stamps, foster care and children's services. But already many religious programs provide services to the community without government help, Collins said.

Charlie Johnson, office manager for the local Food Bank, a warehouse

"Faith-based organizations do a great portion of the work with the needy. Some are very successful."

Charlie Johnson
office manager for Food Bank

agency that stores products provided through donations and sells other foods at a low cost, said that more than half of the organizations that use his services are religious organizations.

"I think (Bush's proposal) is a pretty good idea," Johnson said. "Faith-based organizations do a great portion of the work with the needy. Some are very successful."

The San Luis Obispo Interfaith Coalition for The Homeless (ICH) shows one instance where the local religious community has combined its efforts with government programs to supplement social services.

ICH is comprised of 13 congregations or meeting halls belonging to different faiths. They provide additional facilities and volunteers to help aid the homeless community. An ICH volunteer said that it is only thanks to the help of these congregations that services are provided year-round, but that they were able to do it without any additional government aid.

The ICH steps in when the local homeless shelter runs out of beds. Then, the 13 meeting halls rotate turns in providing shelter primarily to children who would otherwise be left on the streets. The 750 volunteers that work closely with ICH and the homeless shelter, help in the distribution of food and other general jobs that keep the program functioning.

Catherine Manning, director of the

Economic Opportunity Commission, which oversees the homeless shelter, said that it was too early to tell how the community would benefit from the new initiative, but that there is definitely a need for more money and cooperation with every sector of society.

The details on how the new proposal will be enacted are not available. In fact, the specifics for the OFBCI approach will not be ready for more than a month, leaving most organizations in the dark as to how they might be affected by it.

"We are just as curious as anyone else in regards to the process," Collins said. "Some money may be made available that we don't receive right now. If it increases the number of partners, great. If the funds get diluted by building more bureaucracies, then we have diminished our ability to serve people."

A White House official said last Tuesday that any cost with respect to tax or spending proposals would be part of an economic blueprint that will be released later, even though the executive order has already been placed.

Another concern Collins mentioned was the actual ability of religious organizations to provide all the social services the community needs.

"There is so much good that (religious organizations) do, but there is also questions of their preparedness," he said. "Would they have the same history of access to the training?"

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Accessibility of date rape drug increases

By Byron Samayoa
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

It's supposed to help you sleep, stay awake, work out, relax, gain self-confidence and even enhance sexual feelings. It is the designer drug GHB, gamma hydroxybutyrate.

We know that GHB, one of the date rape drugs, can kill. What we don't hear about are the people that take it voluntarily, putting themselves at risk of death.

The once-legal drug GHB was found in a number of dietary supplements available in health food stores and gyms until 1990 when the FDA issued a warning against it. It has over 150 names, including blue nitro, dormir, firewater, FX, orange FX, ghg, jolt, pine needle and thunder nectar. Currently, GHB has moved from health stores to the Internet.

Even with warnings and bans, GHB is widely accessible through the Web. Since its ban in 1990, "kitchen" chemists have been creating GHB

and its derivatives. As with any illegal drug production with no regulations, quality and purity are question-

able.

To further circumvent the ban, the recent trend is to sell GBL. The derivative GBL (gamma butyrolactone), when ingested, will react in the body and change into GHB. Law enforcement is trying to catch Web sites selling this drug, but it's hard to police the whole Web.

The drug is not addictive per se, but the body gains tolerance to it and

larger quantities are needed to feel an initial high.

"The most dangerous aspect of the drug is that there is a fine line between a good high and death," said Karin Rogers of San Luis Obispo County Drug and Alcohol services.

Rogers, a drug intern specialist, is concerned that people are not realizing what major harm consuming small amounts of GHB does to the body.

The body metabolizes GHB quickly and its effects can be present

10 to 20 minutes after ingestion. The effects typically last four hours. An overdose of GHB can occur quickly, and the signs are similar to those of other sedatives: drowsiness, nausea, vomiting, headache, loss of consciousness, loss of reflexes and impaired breathing.

When mixed with alcohol or other drugs, the consequences can be life-threatening. GHB is a central nervous system depressant that relaxes and slows down the heart rate. Ultimately the body forgets to breathe and dies.

Right now there aren't any real detoxification programs for this drug, and there are limited places to go for help. Adding to the problem of GHB, misleading information found on the Web increases the spreading of this drug.

Students taking any supplements that contain GHB or one of its derivatives, should know about the potential dangers of this drug. For further information on GHB, contact Drug and Alcohol services at 781-4275.



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It's impossible to disagree with homosexuality

"Homosexuality is a lifestyle choice which I do not agree with." Mike Stoker, the defeated Republican candidate for our U.S. Congressional seat, said this in a debate last year. I would have laughed out loud, had this not been the current mantra of many conservatives. The notion that being gay is a lifestyle choice ranges from irrational ignorance to pure absurdity.

I challenge you to think critically for a moment. What is the gay lifestyle? Most gay and lesbian people that I know attend college. They share hopes of being successful in their careers and eventually raising families. Isn't this something we can all relate to? Should we define this as the "straight" lifestyle as well?

The argument might be made that the idea of a gay lifestyle is in reference to people who seek companionship with a person of the same gender. However, I know openly gay people who aren't seeking companionship from anyone. Are they on a hiatus from the gay lifestyle? Or is there simply no such thing as the gay lifestyle?

How often do we hear people talk about the African-American lifestyle? Or the Christian lifestyle? Being defined by your sexual orientation is comparably as dehumanizing as being defined by your race or religion. We must consider the likely possibility that people are just too complex to be classified into lifestyles based upon anything – be it race, religion, or sexual orientation.

The notion of choice is an absurd assumption as well. Why would anybody choose to be gay? If it is a choice to be gay, then it must also be a choice to be straight – yet none of my heterosexual friends can recall the specific date and time at which they chose to be straight.

Our natural reasoning leads us to make choices based upon an analysis of advantages and disadvantages of each option. As there are no clear, distinctive advantages to being gay, there is no logical support for sexual orientation being a trait that is chosen.

And as I've made quite clear before, the behavioral sciences community believes sexual orientation to be a trait that is neither chosen nor changeable. Their perspective is based upon serious research and thorough examination. How much longer are we going to ignore this scientific information?

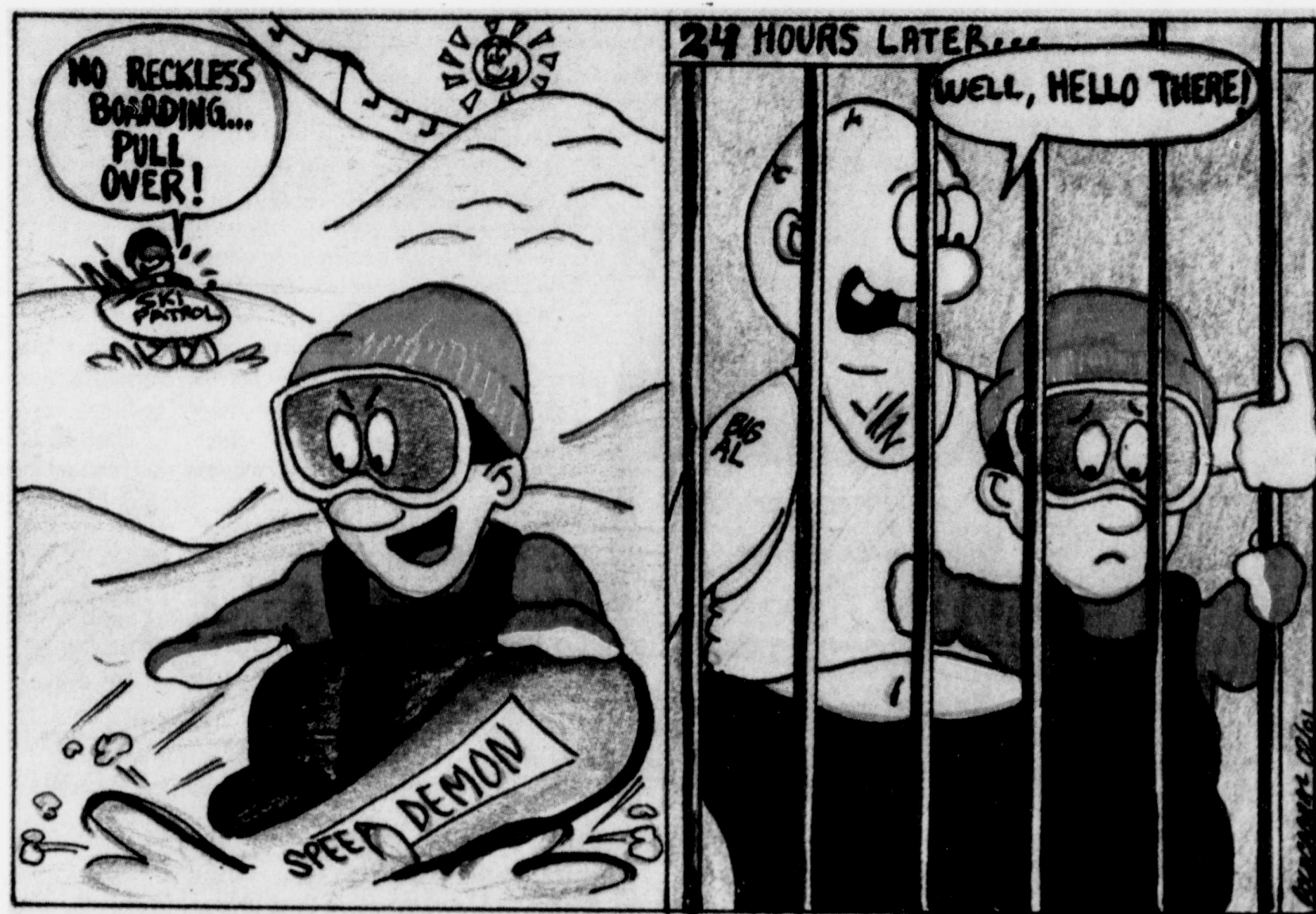
Obviously, we must appreciate the distinction between sexual orientation and sexual behavior. Sexual orientation refers to feelings and self-concept, while a person's sexual behavior may or may not express their sexual orientation. We choose whether or not to act on our feelings, but the term "homosexuality" refers to sexual orientation, rather than sexual behavior.

The task of understanding Mike Stoker's rationalization for "disagreeing" with homosexuality would be notably more complicated than analyzing his lifestyle classifications. His statement is about as logical as saying, "I disagree with ethnicity." Obviously, we can disagree about views that someone of a particular ethnicity may have, but the notion that their ethnicity itself is disagreeable would be completely ridiculous.

Although we can argue about thoughts, viewpoints, or ideas, we cannot agree or disagree about facts. Homosexuality is not a thought, viewpoint, or idea. It is an attribute, a thing, a fact. And it's not a lifestyle – it's a life.

Mike Sullivan is a computer engineering junior.

'Killer' isn't guilty of skiing death



As a skier, I am now afraid to fall down on the slopes. That's a bad thing. I was never crazy enough to look forward to falling down in the first place, nor did I completely accept it as a necessary part of skiing, because that's how people get hurt. Some even die.

I still fall, but I always seem to get up, empowered each time to put away this fear of corporeal doom and ruin, able to temporarily forget my mortal shell

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could crack in the surf into which I've pitched myself. If you fall down often enough, what you really remember is that you rode away.

Nathan Hall, a skier, probably won't ever really get up from his fall. On April 20, 1997, he skied down Riva Ridge at Vail, Co., when his shift as a lift operator ended. He collided with Alan Cobb, who died of massive head injuries.

On Jan. 31, 2001, Nathan Hall was found guilty for the deadly collision and sentenced to 90 days in jail, three years probation and 240 hours community work. This prompted a crackdown in reckless skiing, and it was the first time in Colorado's history that a skier has been charged for negligent homicide on the slopes.

Although the trial is over, I know that if it happened to me, whether I went to jail or went home, the trial would last the rest of my life. Each waking minute of every day would be a balancing act, a self-flagellating inquisi-

tion. Was it my fault that I lost control or was it just a freak accident?

Hall had no reason to doubt he was in control. I, for one, have felt in control while skiing and still managed to wipe out because I went over some ice or grass patch that I never saw coming. Hall probably believed it was a day much like any other, a run no different than the last of the day before. Death was a possibility as remote as Paris – yes, real, but somewhere else, out there.

What went on in his mind in the moments just after the collision is a mystery to all but him, but I imagine that it was similar to what someone would feel like after a car accident. The world rushes back in, the radio noise and the realization something terrible and irreversible has happened, and whether you intended it or not, it was you behind the wheel. That's why people don't drive after serious crashes.

I don't feel that Nathan Hall is guilty. I'm not a lawyer or the jury looking at the evidence, but it seems to me that there is risk involved in every sport, and skiing is no exception. Skiing is a dangerous sport that has taken lives before.

As a matter of fact, according to USA Today, there were 30 skiing deaths at major resorts last year alone.

Was Hall going too fast? Some people who testified said he was; others said he wasn't.

Tell me what isn't reckless about the human body traveling at 20 to 30 miles per hour on snow and ice, without the benefit of roll cages or air bags. The fact remains that Alan Cobb is dead, and we as a society have a need to lay blame.

Next time I go skiing, I will make it a point to take it easy. I don't want to have to explain to anyone, especially myself, why I fell down.

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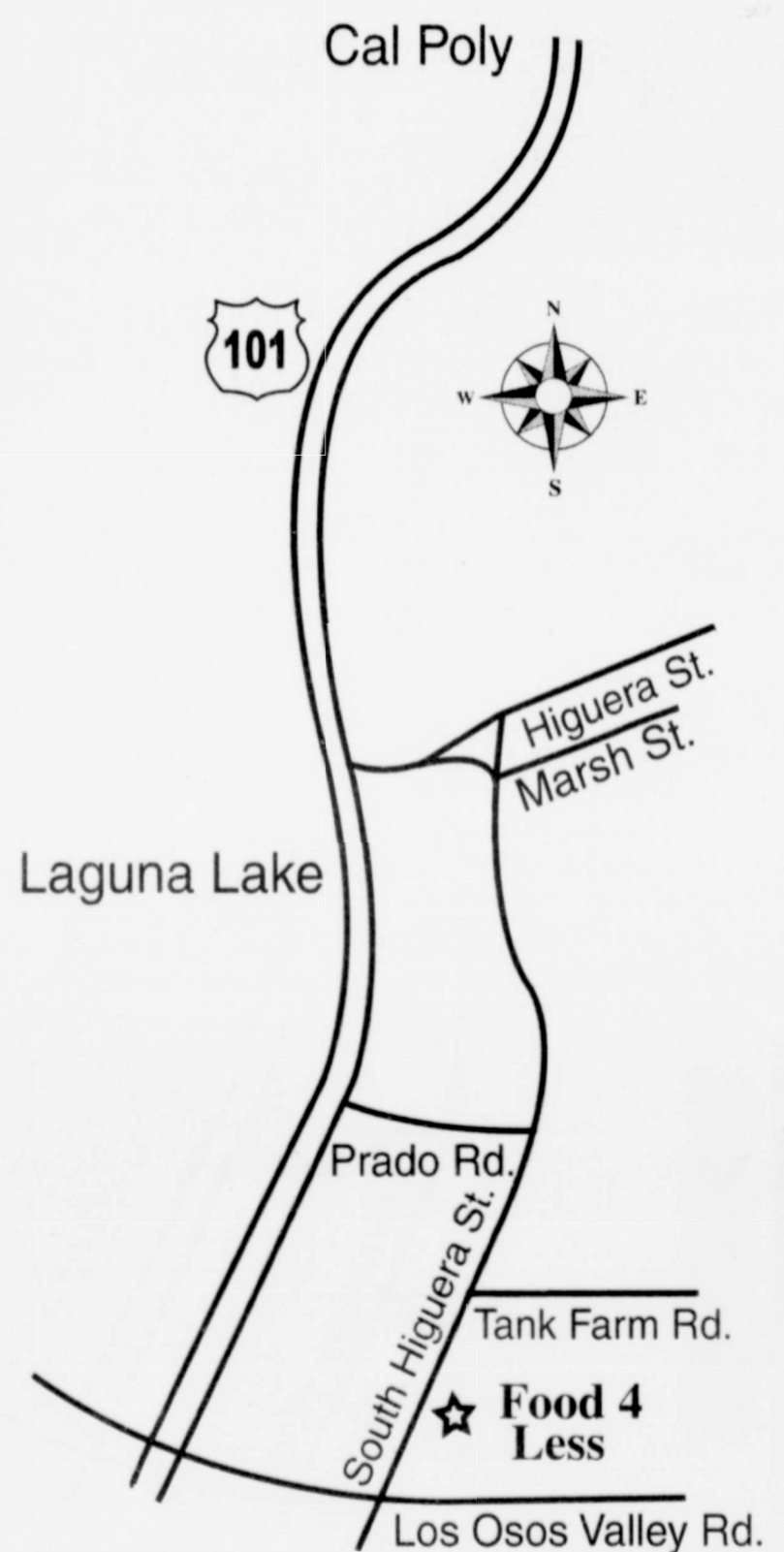
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had 33 Division I All-Americans, including two national champions.

With the post season tournaments quickly approaching, Haymon looks to make a few adjustments to ensure maximum success.

"I need to put more faith in my offense," Haymon said. "I need to let it all hang out and go 100 percent the whole time."

Haymon is currently ranked No. 1 in the Pac-10 and No. 12 in the nation in his weight class.

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Littlefield said it was always a goal of his to go to a Division I school. He said he decided on Cal Poly because the coaches seemed the nicest during the recruiting process, and they seemed like they had a lot of experience.

He said the best part of track is during the meets.

"Competing, traveling, the whole meet day pretty much," he said.

Crawford said the most immediate goal for this year's team is to beat last year's Big West finish. The men's team finished second last year at the finals and the women finished fourth.

"It's a big goal for the men to try to win the Big West," she said. "We have a good, solid squad. We're keeping healthy. That's really going to give us an opportunity."

Injuries always present problems for sports teams. Crawford said it's a goal this year to keep the injuries down, and to not have any that are serious enough to prevent the athlete from competing for the rest of the season.

Littlefield said he is confident of the team's future success.

"I think we've all worked really hard," he said. "It's the best team we've had in a long time from what I've heard."

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Tournament. His sophomore year Haymon went 22-13, finished fourth in the Pac-10 Tournament and qualified for the N C A A Championships, where he went 1-2.

Haymon took a redshirt year last year to improve on his strength and his mental approach to wrestling. So far, it appears to be paying off.

"He has a desire to be successful," Cowell said. "Cedric can do anything in life he wants to do. He's that type of person, and he would tell you that if you talked to him."

Haymon's year has been nothing short of dominating. Opponents have struggled to get past his impenetrable defense.

"He wrestles good guys and bad guys the same way," Cowell said. "He likes to keep the score close and control the tempo. His tempo is slow and dominating."

Haymon exudes confidence on the mat, and his teammates can't help but take notice. Dan Leahy, junior heavyweight, sees the impact it has on Haymon's matches.

"He wins," Leahy said. "He's confident about it. That's a big bonus. When you're confident in your ability, you usually win a lot more."

Haymon's confidence stems also from his diligent preparation. Junior Steve Strange (174 pounds), no stranger to hard work himself,

admires Haymon's burning desire to succeed.

"He's always looking for some way to better himself," Strange said. "He's never satisfied and is always looking to improve."

Although it's happened infrequently this season, Haymon still has to deal with losses.

Among his four losses this season, two have come against the No. 1 ranked wrestler in the country, Oklahoma State's Reggie Wright.

Lennis Cowell
wrestling head coach

He doesn't let a loss get the best of him, though.

"I just go back to the drawing board and figure out what I need to change," Haymon said. "I don't get down on myself, because I like myself a lot."

In addition, Haymon knows wins and losses during the regular season are not as important as the big picture.

"I'd rather lose all season and then place at nationals than win all season and then do bad at nationals," he said. "Overall, I don't like losing, period. Ideally, I'd just like to win, win, win, all the way through and place at nationals."

Haymon's goals for the next two seasons are to win the Pac-10 Tournament, place in the top five at nationals this year and make the finals at nationals as a senior. As he chases his All-American dreams, it appears that the sky's the limit for Haymon.

"He's not even touching the surface of what he could be yet," Cowell said.

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New school record could be in sight

By Ryan Ballard

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

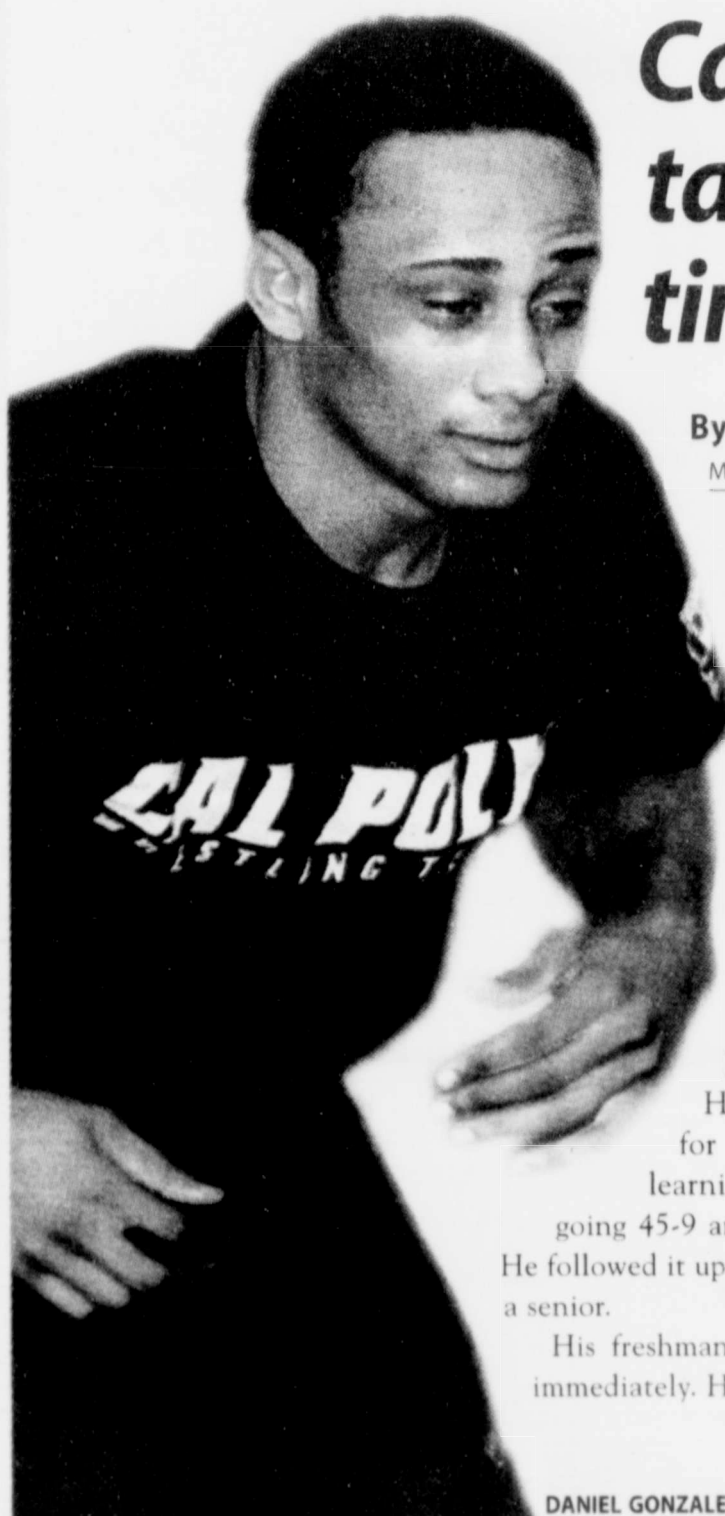
Cedric Haymon leads the Pac-10 at 149 pounds with 29 wins, including a current 14-match win streak. With a strong finish to the season, Haymon has a legitimate shot at breaking the school record for wins in a season. The record of 41 wins in a season is currently shared by Louis Montano and Anthony Romero. Montano won 41 matches in the 1982-1983 season at 158 pounds (the weight class is now 165 pounds) en route to a second-place finish at the NCAA Championships. Romero won 41 matches during the 1987-1988 season at 177 pounds (now 184 pounds).

Haymon's All-American chances are legitimate. Head coach Lennis Cowell said he feels good about Haymon's chances.

"I think he's got a great chance," Cowell said. "It takes a lot of luck and the right kind of draw at the tournament. He's got the mental approach to do it."

Cal Poly's last All-American was David Wells in 1998. Wells placed seventh at 158 pounds. Since 1966, the Mustangs have

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Cal Poly wrestler takes talent and timing to the mat

By Ryan Ballard

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Some people are born to succeed. Some people work hard to rise to the top. And some, like Cedric Haymon, do both.

Haymon has emerged this year as the star of Cal Poly's wrestling team. His distinct blend of raw talent and work ethic has helped him to a current record of 29-4 at 149 pounds. Head coach Lennis Cowell recognized Haymon's gift for wrestling when he recruited him.

"God gave him great talent and athletic ability," Cowell said.

Life sometimes takes people down unexpected paths. Before his freshman year in high school, Haymon had never seen a wrestling match. One of Haymon's friends convinced him that they should try out for the wrestling team together. After a couple years of learning the ropes, Haymon had a breakout junior season, going 45-9 and placing fourth at the California State Championships. He followed it up by posting a 48-1 record and finishing third in the state as a senior.

His freshman year at Cal Poly, Haymon was called upon to wrestle immediately. He finished the season 14-15 and placed sixth at the Pac-10

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DANIEL GONZALES/MUSTANG DAILY

New offensive coordinator joins Cal Poly football team

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

Cal Poly's athletic department announced Tuesday in a press release that Gene McKeehan of the U.S. Naval Academy has been named as the new football offensive coordinator.

According to the release, McKeehan has been at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., since 1995 where he has been the assistant head coach and offensive line coach. With 292.2 yards last season per game, Navy was sixth in the nation for rushing in 1995.

McKeehan played tight end for Utah State University, where he graduated in 1968.

Women's soccer player named scholar-athlete

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

Cal Poly women's soccer player Carolyn Schiffer has been named to the Scholar-Athlete First Team of the National Soccer Coaches Association of America.

The biological sciences junior and midfielder has never received the honor, which requires players to be a junior, start in at least half of the games and have a minimum 3.3 grade point average.

Track and field hopes to hit the ground running



COLLIN HESTER/MUSTANG DAILY

Shotputter Amanda Garcia practices for the upcoming season opener March 3. The team has been preparing for the season since fall.

By Larissa Van Beurden

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Cal Poly's track and field team still has another month before its opening meet, but the athletes have been practicing for the season since the first week of school.

The first outdoor track meet for both men and women is the Stanford Spring Opener on March 3.

All athletes have been training since fall, beginning slowly, then progressively intensifying the workouts.

Head coach Terry Crawford said off-season training is important for track and field athletes because they have to earn their spots on the team. There are about 10 meets throughout the season, but not all athletes can travel to each meet.

"The number of people on the

squads doesn't necessarily impact who goes to the meets," Crawford said. "It's who can be competitive."

There are about 70 people on the track and field roster, but Crawford said only about 35 to 50 athletes travel to each meet. A number of factors go into deciding who will compete at each meet.

If someone is injured, or just not ready to compete yet, the athlete won't travel to the meet — even if they're just going to sit on the bench.

"If someone needs to rest, they just don't travel," Crawford said.

Athletes must also blend training with competition. If an athlete isn't ready to compete in the meet, he or she will stay back and train.

"The goal is to go into meets and improve their personal best," she said.

Dan Littlefield, a kinesiology sophomore, competes as a long jumper and sprinter. He said he practices about two and a half hours a day with the team.

"I started practicing with the team a week after I got back, and haven't stopped since," he said.

He also practiced over the summer in his hometown of Sonoma to keep in shape and do basic conditioning.

Littlefield said he mixes his workout with general strength conditioning, weight training and practicing his actual event.

"It's pretty much year-round conditioning," he said. "Once the season comes around, we lift weights lighter. It's different stages throughout the year."

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Sports Trivia

Yesterday's Answer:

Jim Drunkenmiller plays for XFL's Memphis Maniax.

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Today's Question:

Who was the woman who signed a contract for the NBA's Indiana Pacers?

Please submit sports trivia answer to: mrsterli@calpoly.edu. Please include your name. The first correct answer received via e-mail will be printed in the next issue of the paper.

Briefs

Travis Lee lost out in first arbitration case

(AP) — The Philadelphia Phillies beat first baseman Travis Lee on Tuesday in the first salary arbitration case of the year.

Lee, who hit .235 last season with nine homers and 54 RBIs in 404 at-bats, will get \$800,000 rather than his request for \$1.6 million.

Lee, who made \$500,000 last season, was the first Philadelphia player to go to a hearing since pitcher Willie Banks, who lost in 1996.

IOC says 'no go' for Olympic ceremonies

DAKAR, Senegal (AP) — With just about a year to go until the 2002 Winter Olympics, Salt Lake City organizing chief Mitt Romney failed to gain final IOC approval of plans for the opening and closing ceremonies.

While the board was impressed with the creative side of the ceremonies, the IOC said it needed more time to study Salt Lake's proposed changes in protocol — including having the athletes march into the stadium early in the opening ceremony rather than at the end.

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